

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: ITAGAKI, et al.
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For: IMAGE ENCODING/DECODING METHOD, APPARATUS
THEREOF AND RECORDING MEDIUM IN WHICH
PROGRAM THEREFOR IS RECORDED

REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This request for Certificate of Correction is made pursuant to and in accordance with telephone discussions with Examiner Ishrat Sherali.

An IDS was filed in the above referenced case at the time of filing the application. The PTO-1449 form was signed and all cited references initialed, excluding one (i.e. Japanese Patent Publication No. 07038760) and returned with the Notice of Allowance dated March 23, 2007. The references cited in this IDS are identical to those cited and made of record in parent Application No. 09/731,484 (now Patent No. 6,714,687 B2).

In the above referenced discussions, Examiner Sherali acknowledged that the excluded reference was considered but inadvertently not initialed on the PTO-1449 Form. Due to the inadvertent failure to initial the reference on the PTO-1449 Form, the above referenced Letters Patent fails to list one (1) foreign reference cited in the IDS.

As indicated above, it is clear that Examiner Sherali intended to initial the excluded reference on the PTO-1449 and make it of record. For this reason, it is respectfully

requested that the excluded reference be made of record in the above referenced patent. It is also respectfully submitted that this correction is required due to an error on the part of the USPTO, and accordingly should be made without payment of the fee required under 37 CFR §1.20(a).

Submitted herewith please find Form PTO/SB/44, a Certificate of Correction, which reflects that that Japanese Patent Publication "JP 07038760 2/2005" should be listed on the cover page of the Letters Patent.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at the below listed local telephone number, in order to expedite resolution of any remaining issues and further to expedite passage of the Notice of Correction, if any further comments, questions or suggestions arise in connection with this filing.

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No.521.41449VX1).

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